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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON US-CANADIAN FISHERIES  
RELATIONS.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ISSUED ON  
JULY 1 AT SIGNING OF HR 12571, THE 1978 INTERIM RECIPROCAL  
FISHERIES AGREEMENT:

QUOTE THIS ACT PROVIDES CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION TO  
BRING INTO EFFECT THE 1978 INTERIM RECIPROCAL FISHERIES  
AGREEMENT WITH CANADA. THIS AGREEMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL  
STEP TOWARD ALLOWING FISHERMEN OF EACH COUNTRY TO RESUME  
TRADITIONAL FISHING IN THE WATERS OF THE OTHER DURING 1978.  
NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING TO CONCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE  
MARITIME BOUNDARY AND RESOURCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND  
THE UNITED STATES. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT  
REFLECTS THE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES BOTH  
FOR MAINTENANCE OF RECIPROCAL FISHING WITH CANADA AND FOR  
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THE KIND OF COMPREHENSIVE, COOPERATIVE, LONG-TERM ARRANGE-  
MENTS NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION.

I HOPE THAT OUR COUNTRY AND CANADA CAN NOW IMMEDIATELY  
PROCEED TO RESTORE TRADITIONAL PATTERNS OF RECIPROCAL  
FISHING. THE INTERRUPTION AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH  
ON THESE TRADITIONAL RECIPROCAL FISHERIES, WHICH HAVE

CONTINUED SINCE THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY, HAS CREATED HARD-SHIPS FOR FISHERMEN OF BOTH COUNTRIES. RESUMPTION OF RECIPROCAL FISHING CAN ONLY HELP THE INTENSIVE EFFORTS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO WORK OUT PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHARING AND JOINTLY MANAGING OUR COMMON FISHERIES RESOURCES -- ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE MECHANISMS FOR RESOLVING THE VERY QUESTIONS WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE PRESENT INTERRUPTION.

I BELIEVE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE MARITIME AGREEMENT NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY MY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, LLOYD CUTLER, AND HIS CANADIAN COUNTERPART OFFER THE FIRM PROMISE OF A STRENGTHENED, COOPERATIVE MARITIME RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL BRING BENEFITS TO THE FISHERMEN OF BOTH COUNTRIES THAT NEITHER COUNTRY CAN PROVIDE ON ITS OWN. SUCH A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WOULD BE IN THE TRADITION OF OUR CLOSE, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CANADA. IN SIGNING THIS ACT, I HAVE ASKED THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND LLOYD CUTLER TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT WITH CANADA TO RESTORE RECIPROCAL FISHING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE IMPORTANT LONG-TERM MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS MAY PROCEED UNIMPEDED. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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